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WEATHER INFORMATION.
Last Night's Readings.
Area of high pressure is approaching from the northwest, with the highest barometer reading reported 30.50 at North Platte. High is not accompanied by as low a barometer as the one which preceded it. Lowest temperature reported is 38 at St. Paul. The lowest barometer reading reported at El Paso.
Generally unsettled weather conditions throughout the district is reported.
Reports are reported from Jacksonville, Illinois and Kansas City.
General Observations.
Observations taken by the United States bureau, at 9 p. m., 75th meridian

Temp.	Rel. Hum.
Albany, Fla.	68
Albany, Ga.	68
Albany, Ala.	62
Albany, Miss.	62
Albany, Tex.	62
Albany, Tenn.	62
Albany, Mo.	62
Albany, Ill.	62
Albany, Ind.	62
Albany, Ohio	62
Albany, Pa.	62
Albany, N.Y.	62
Albany, Vt.	62
Albany, N.H.	62
Albany, Me.	62
Albany, N.J.	62
Albany, Del.	62
Albany, Md.	62
Albany, Va.	62
Albany, W. Va.	62
Albany, Ky.	62
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FLOTILLA ARRIVED
Madrid, April 1.—12 M.—The Spanish torpedo flotilla has arrived at Porto Rico.

Washington, April 1.—The Madrid dispatches announcing the arrival of the Spanish torpedo flotilla at Porto Rico was quite unexpected in Washington, and caused much comment in naval circles. So far as could be learned, no information on this point has been received by either the state or navy departments. The arrival of the flotilla surpasses all forecasts as to the time necessary to make the trip and indicates that a high rate of speed was maintained.

BRADSTREET'S ON FINANCE.
Moneyed Men Have Been in Possession of Inside War News.
New York, April 1.—Bradstreet's Financial Statement tomorrow will say: Active and excited speculative conditions this week replaced the dull and dragging tendency which prevailed for some time and held possession of the market. There has been irregularity of the movement of prices and an exceptional range of fluctuations. Developments in connection with our relations to Spain have been the controlling factor in everything else, prices responding with regard to indications of a final outcome of the negotiation between the two governments and reacting on any developments of rumors of a contrary condition. The extent or rapidity of the declines on Saturday, on Monday and again on Wednesday, although largely due to covering by short interests, seemed to attract a new participation, while Europe has also been a considerable factor in the market. Throughout the week there has been evidence that the powerful financial interests have been active in the movement, and that there has seemed to be some apparent justification for the belief that the people of that class, both here and abroad, have been in possession of knowledge regarding what has been going on in a diplomatic way and that their speculation, based on such condition, have been very influential in swaying the course of speculation.

A MOTHER'S HEART.
She Has Lost One Son, but Has No Prayer for Peace.
Chicago, April 1.—Side by side in the Chicago Tribune tomorrow will appear the letter from Mrs. Ellen M. Hennrich of this city, who, on behalf of the Woman's club of the United States, writes to President McKinley urging him to take the way that leads to peace, and a statement from Mrs. Stillington, mother of Harry Stillington, who went down with the Maine. Following Mrs. Hennrich's letter is a statement by her in which she upholds the stand she took in her letter and repeating that the general federation of woman's clubs will give to President McKinley "our moral support in all that he does or in all that he leaves undone for humanity's sake."
Mrs. Stillington was shown Mrs. Hennrich's letter and asked if she thought it spoke for all the mothers of America. Mrs. Stillington could not read any further than the line "on us war will fall the heaviest, for we must give our sons."
"I've already given one of mine," she said. "My Harry. But with one boy buried in the mud of Havana harbor and another on board a United States cruiser that may be the first to be sunk in case of war, I have no appeal to make to the president for peace."

THE ISSUE MADE UP.

No Further Diplomatic Correspondence Is Contemplated.

CAN NOT PUT DEPENDENCE IN SPAIN.

Treats the Slaughter of the Maine's Crew with Indifference.

NO POLICY YET MAPPED OUT.

Three Courses Are Open to the President for His Message.

THE SPANISH MINISTER IS UNEASY.

Senior Polo Realizes the Seriousness of the Situation—No Proposals of Mediation Made.

Washington, April 1.—There is little doubt that the president and members of his cabinet now regard a conflict with Spain as almost inevitable. In his message to congress, which in all probability will be sent in next Monday and certainly early next week, it is understood that the president will review at some length the record as it stands between this government and Spain, but will not insist upon further time to continue negotiations looking to a peaceful solution of the Cuban problem.

The cabinet meeting this morning was unquestionably the most important held in many years. It received Spain's answer to the ultimatum of this government and finding it unsatisfactory practically decided upon a policy which at this hour seems certainly to involve hostilities. The whole record will be laid before congress and the question is now under earnest consideration as to what shall be the public form of our policy in bringing to an end the horrors in Cuba and securing the independence of the island. Proposals ranging from a simple recognition of Cuban independence to a straight out declaration of war have been urged at the cabinet, but there is hardly a doubt but that the majority of the congress want the executive to lead before taking action and is disposed to adopt Mr. McKinley's suggestion on this point. It is thought any of the resolutions except possibly simple recognition of independence would lead to war.

There were, of course, all sorts of rumors in circulation, including reports of mediation by some European powers, but no such suggestion has come to this government, for as late as 5 o'clock, in response to a direct question, Assistant Secretary Day said there had been no offer of mediation by any foreign government.

One member of the cabinet, speaking of the meetings today, spoke substantially as follows: "In the morning it was apparent that having exhausted all diplomatic efforts to bring about a better condition of affairs in Cuba and they having failed, the whole question must be submitted to congress. At our afternoon meeting the president requested each member to express freely his individual opinion as to what would be done on the lines indicated by the members. Nothing definite was decided upon and no conclusions were reached. The president will now take the views submitted to him under consideration preparatory to his message to congress, which will be sent in early next week. President McKinley has done a great deal of work recently and he is pretty well fatigued. Consequently he will take some little rest before going into active work on the message. He has not yet determined what recommendation will be communicated to congress. My opinion is that little faith can be put in promises made by Spain and this makes me hesitate about accepting with any confidence her latest proposals.

"In the first place she promised a long time ago that the reconcentrados would be released. The result shows that these promises have not been kept. Now she proposes to release them, but keep them under military supervision. Who can tell whether she will adhere to her expressed intentions. Broadly there appear to be three courses open to the president in dealing further with this matter. The first of these is to accept the proposals submitted by Spain in reply to the American representations, the second to relegate the whole matter to congress and let that body do as it sees proper—which I think would mean intervention—and third, to take a middle stand. But, as I said before, nothing has yet been determined on by the president, or if he has reached a decision he did not communicate it to the members of the cabinet. Yes, reference was made by Spain to the Maine matter in her latest reply.

"She made no offer to pay for the loss, but suggested that the matter be settled by arbitration. So far as I recall, she expressed no regret for the sad occurrence and the whole thing was regarded as a cold-blooded statement."

The session of the cabinet lasted from 5 to 6:20 o'clock. The Spanish minister was at the state department at 5 o'clock.

WAR SEEMS TO BE INEVITABLE

Congress Will Be Given Full Sway with Further Dealings with the Spaniards.

Washington, April 1.—(Special.)—The situation tonight is more warlike than at any time since matters became warm. Spain's reply, so far as the Cuban proposition or ultimatum is concerned, is entirely unsatisfactory to the American people and to congress, and it will not be listened to one moment by the people's representatives on Monday morning when they again convene.

Both houses adjourned over until Monday, presumably at the request of the president, and probably under a promise from him that he would send a message to congress and submit all diplomatic correspondence and turn the entire affair over to the legislative department of the government. It is the last chance.

UNLESS SPAIN CABLES A COMPLETE BACK-DOWN BETWEEN NOW AND MONDAY MORNING, THERE WILL BE WAR NEXT WEEK.

There is no likelihood that Spain will do anything of the kind, for it is reported tonight that she has not only refused any satisfaction about the Cuban ultimatum, but replied to this government on the battleship Maine destruction, and that her reply is not only flippant but positively insulting. This will stir up the greatest resentment in members of congress, regardless of their political affiliations, and it is the real reason why the people of this country want to fight Spain.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT COMMODORE SCHLEY WILL BE ORDERED OUT TOMORROW WITH THE FLYING SQUADRON TO INTERCEPT OR STOP THE SPANISH TORPEDO FLOTILLA. THE SQUADRON HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF ALL ENCUMBRANCES AND CLEARED FOR ACTION.

The universal opinion of everybody here tonight, from the highest to the lowest in official life, is that war is absolutely inevitable.

The bond sharks have lost their game, the administration has been kicked into patriotic action, the martyrs of the Maine will be avenged and Cuba will be free.

The fleet cruiser Columbia has arrived at Hampton Roads from Philadelphia, and the flying squadron is now complete with the exception of the Minneapolis and Texas, which are expected daily.

Two thousand men are working day and night at Norfolk and every nerve is being strained to complete the repairs to the various warships.

Although there was the strictest reserve as to what had occurred it can be stated positively that the United States submitted no further propositions, nor did the Spanish minister offer anything which changed the situation in the order of affairs. Both sides regard the issue as made up with no likelihood of further negotiation between now and the time the president will submit the case to congress.

The United States has presented its demand and Spain has given her answer. Thus the case stands. While this brings a halt to the active negotiations which have been in progress for the last few days it does not mean that the diplomatic relations between the two countries are terminated, for such a step is the last preliminary before an actual state of war. United States Minister Woodford remains at his post in Madrid and is said to be entirely safe from harm. The Spanish minister, Sr. Don Benito, also remains at his post at Washington. The critical condition of affairs in recent days has led him and his staff to consider what disposition of their affairs should become untenable.

From this Spanish standpoint there is the same disposition as that shown by the United States as to regard the case as most serious. Spain's reply is a look up upon as the limit of concession which Madrid will grant.

If there is to be another move, the Spanish government looks to the United States to make it. At least this is the situation as it presents itself to those best informed in Washington.

Of course it can not be foretold what Madrid will do in the stress of circumstances within the next two days. But these best able to judge do not expect any further move from Madrid, as they say Spain has reached the limit of her concessions. The Spanish minister has naturally been a center in the exciting incidents of today. He is fully conscious of the gravity of the situation and while still expressing hope for peace speaks to his friends of the eventuality which may come. To one of them he said today that he did not believe that two nations made up of calm and sensible people would rush into the untold horrors of war. He asserted that it would be a wicked and cruel crime for this result to be precipitated. The staff of the legation is working day and night and the lights in the legation office were burning until 3 o'clock this morning, while the secretaries and attaches were deciphering cables and waiting for the transmission to Madrid.

Late this afternoon a Madrid bulletin was received stating that the pope was seeking to exercise pacific influences by inducing both Spain and the insurgents to accept an armistice in Cuba. If this be true the pope has not given any instructions or information along this line to Mr. Martinielli, the papal delegate at Washington. The latter has taken no step toward mediation. It has been reported that one of the archbishops of the Catholic church in the course of an informal conversation with high officials are suggested the mediation of the pope. This, however, was unofficial, and no authorized proposition of any character has come from Rome. Further, there is little reason to believe in the authenticity of the report, which favors any proposition of this character from foreign sources.

In congress the situation is not changed from the tension of the last two days. The senate was in secret session and there was a great deal of talk. The subject under debate was the acquisition of the Danish West Indies and served as a text for discussion. On the house side the members gathered in groups and talked of the war, for they seem to have the impression that such an outcome was inevitable.

The Associated Press bulletin announcing the reply of Spain was read with much interest. Scores of members listening while one would read aloud the despatch.

The foreign relations committee of the senate or sub-committee, were in session nearly all day considering the Maine case as a parcel of the Cuban question, as well as the reply of Spain, which had been furnished the committee early in the day.

Nothing of importance was actually accomplished at the capitol, but the sentiment showed plainly that if the president's message is for intervention he will receive hearty support. There is a disposition in some quarters of congress to merely recognize the independence of Cuba. The recon-

W. C. BRANN IS DEAD

He Was Killed in a Street Duel with T. E. Davis.

SAID TO BE DYING.

Davis Is Said to Have Fired the First Shot, After Provocation.

BRANN KEPT SHOOTING DAVIS

After He Had Fallen to the Ground Mortally Wounded.

THE HARRIS BROTHERS WERE KILLED

Within Half a Block of Where Yesterday's Fight Occurred—Grew Out of Jeonoclist Publications.

Waco, Texas, April 2.—(2 a. m.)—Brann died at 1:55 o'clock after lingering several hours. He was never conscious during the night. His wife and children were with him when he died. At 2 a. m. Davis is very low, but there is a chance for life; he is conscious when he awakes at times and converses with those at his bedside.

Waco, Texas, April 1.—W. C. Brann is mortally wounded at his home in this city; his business manager, W. H. Ward, carries a wounded hand and T. E. Davis, member of the real estate firm of Williams & Davis, is dying. These are the results of an encounter in the streets this evening a little before 6 o'clock.

Brann and Ward were walking along side by side on South Fourth street, just a half block from the spot where the Garrett-Harris tragedy occurred, when Mr. Davis, it is said, stepped from his office and with an oath fired at Brann. Ward sprang at Davis and grabbed his pistol, while Brann turned to face his antagonist and Davis fired a second shot, the ball piercing Ward's hand. Ward, of course, released the pistol and Brann by this time had drawn his own.

Brann and Davis then began firing at each other, standing not more than five feet apart. Davis soon fell to the sidewalk, and Brann continued to fire at him until officers arrived and subdued him.

He was conveyed to the city hall. He stood up until he walked fifty feet after he was arrested, then had to be carried to the hall, where he was placed on a cot and a physician sent for. He was shot in the back, the ball entering between the shoulders, piercing the left lung and coming out between the left nipple and the armpit.

Another shot took effect in the left thigh and another in the right foot. The latter wounds are not considered serious, but the shot through the lung is thought to be fatal.

Torn Davis was shot five or six times through the body, one shot entering the center of the breast, another in the side and one in the region of the kidneys. The other wounds are not serious. He was cared for at his office and physicians are at this writing doing their utmost to hold the threads of life together.

There are conflicting statements as to how the shooting began. Mr. Davis made a statement to Assistant County Attorney Slader, but Mr. Slader would not give out the full statement. It was in substance that he (Davis) had several months ago said to a friend of Brann's that Brann was a scoundrel and ought to be made to leave town; that such remarks were communicated to Brann and that Brann and Ward had dogged his footsteps today; that they had applied insulting words to him at the Pacific hotel only a few minutes before the shooting; that he had refused to resent the insult and went to his office; that they deliberately walked across the street to his office, and as they passed the door Brann said: "There is the scoundrel and coward and he can not be induced to fight;" that he (Davis) walked out of the office toward them, and as he stepped

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